

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 20 as follows:

Figure 1 shows the alignment of GFP (SEQ ID NO:23), phiYFP (SEQ ID NO:2), hydr1GFP (SEQ ID NO:12) and hm2CP (SEQ ID NO:14) amino acid sequences. Introduced gaps are shown by dots. Residues identical to the corresponding amino acids in GFP are represented by dashes.

Please replace the previously submitted Sequence listing with the attached "Sequence Listing" as separately numbered pages 1-18 after the abstract.